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President: Mr. Diogo Freitas do Amaral . . . . . (Portugal)

The meeting was called to order at 11.20 a.m.

Agenda item 20 *(continued)*

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

Reports of the Secretary-General (A/50/541 and Add.1, A/50/654)

Note by the Secretary-General (A/50/743)

Draft resolutions (A/50/L.43/Rev.1, A/50/L.58/Rev.1, A/50/L.64/Rev.2

The President: I call on the representative of the Sudan to introduce draft resolutions A/50/L.43/Rev.1 and A/50/L.64/Rev.2.

Mr. Mustafa (Sudan): It is both my honour and my pleasure to address the Assembly on behalf of the African Group to introduce draft resolution A/50/L.64/Rev.2, "Situation in Rwanda: international assistance for a solution to the problem of refugees, the restoration of total peace, reconstruction and socio-economic development in Rwanda".

The draft resolution before us recalls two similar or identical resolutions: 48/211 of 21 December 1993 and 49/23 of 2 December 1994, both adopted by the General Assembly during its forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions, respectively. It also recalls Security Council resolution 1029 (1995) of 12 December 1995, whereby the Council decided to extend the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR) for a final period, until 8 March 1996. The new mandate focuses on the exercise of good offices to assist the return of refugees, together with assistance to the Government of Rwanda in facilitating the return of refugees, assistance to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) by providing logistical support, and support for the protection of the International Tribunal for Rwanda until alternative arrangements are made.

The draft resolution we have before us notes the Secretary-General's report of 1 December 1995, the statement by the President of the Security Council of 17 October 1995, and the Secretary General's additional report on emergency international assistance for a solution to the problem of the refugees.

The draft resolution refers, as well, to the serious consequences of genocide, mass killings and the destruction of the economic, social, educational and administrative infrastructure, which form the appalling background and the legacy with which Rwanda has had to grapple in recent times.

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In view of regional implications of the Rwandese crisis, the draft resolution refers to the plan of action recommended by the Government of Rwanda, UNHCR and the Organization of African Unity (OAU) within the framework of the Arusha Peace Agreement of 4 August 1993. The draft resolution recognizes that this Agreement is the appropriate framework for national reconciliation.

Furthermore, the draft resolution encourages the Government of Rwanda to pursue its efforts with a view to creating conditions conductive to the voluntary return of refugees to their homeland. It commends the efforts exerted by the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the international community to the humanitarian situation in Rwanda. It welcomes, as well, the increased commitments and funds pledged for the Government's Programmes of National Reconciliation and Socio-Economic Rehabilitation Recovery. On the other hand, it calls on the international community to continue its support for Rwanda's rehabilitation programmes. It also welcomes the commitment of the Government of Rwanda to taking all necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of all humanitarian personnel operating in the country.

The draft resolution addresses the intolerable conditions in Rwanda's prisons, as well as the delays in processing cases, by calling on both the international community and the Government of Rwanda to continue their efforts to improve the situation in prisons and to accelerate the processing of cases.

The draft resolution welcomes the indictments recently issued by the International Tribunal for Rwanda and calls on States to honour their obligations as established by the Security Council to arrest and detain persons suspected of genocide and other serious violations of international humanitarian law. It encourages, as well, the Government of Rwanda to cooperate with the Secretary-General and the Tribunal to establish an effective protective force for the Tribunal.

All States, in particular donor countries, are urged to contribute to the Secretary-General's trust fund for Rwanda, which was established in July 1994 in order to help finance humanitarian relief and rehabilitation programmes to be implemented in Rwanda.

The draft resolution requests the Secretary-General to consult with the Government of Rwanda and with relevant United Nations agencies on the nature of a continued United Nations presence in Rwanda after the date of the Security Council's final extension of UNAMIR's mandate until 8 March 1996.

Resolution 1029 (1995), adopted by the Security Council last week, requested the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on 1 February 1996 on the discharge by the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda of its mandate and progress towards the repatriation of refugees. Given that the tasks before Rwanda are huge and that it is likely to continue to require substantial and coordinated United Nations input, the draft resolution we have before us requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the same date about his consultations with the Government of Rwanda on the nature of that continued United Nations presence in Rwanda.

As the draft resolution before us is endorsed and co-sponsored by the African Group, together with a range of other States, it is the fervent wish of the African Group that the draft resolution be adopted by consensus.

It is also a great honour for me to introduce draft resolution A/50/L.43/Rev.1, "Emergency assistance to the Sudan", on behalf of the African Group and China, Honduras, India, Jordan, Oman, Qatar, the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen.

This draft resolution — like similar texts that have been adopted at every session of the General Assembly since the forty-third session — acknowledges the cooperation by the Government of Sudan with the United Nations to facilitate relief operations. It also takes into consideration the ongoing review of Operation Lifeline Sudan (OLS) and stresses the need for that review to address the effectiveness, and for the efficiency of the Operation, as well as its transparency and the involvement of the Government of Sudan in the Operation. It further calls upon the international community to contribute generously to the Operation. It also calls upon the donor community and the United Nations system to provide financial, technical and medical assistance to combat malaria in the Sudan.

The draft resolution contains, in addition to provisions in previous resolutions, paragraphs stressing the importance of assuring the safety of personnel providing humanitarian assistance within the OLS and appealing to all parties to the conflict to continue negotiations towards the re-establishment of peace. The draft resolution further stresses that the OLS should operate within the principle of national sovereignty of the

Sudan and the framework of international cooperation in accordance with relevant international law.

As this consensus text was reached after very intensive consultations with interested parties, it is the wish of the co-sponsors that it be adopted without a vote, following the example of previous sessions.

On behalf of my delegation, the African Group and the co-sponsors of all the draft resolutions on assistance to African countries, I express our deep appreciation to His Excellency Ambassador Sucharipa, the Permanent Representative of Austria, for leading the informal consultations to the success reflected in the attainment of a consensus text. Our thanks go also to the able Secretariat and the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, as well as to those delegations which participated in the endeavours to reach consensus texts on assistance to countries or regions under item 20 (b).

The President: In view of the desire of members to dispose of this sub-item expeditiously, and at the request of the sponsors of draft resolution A/50/L.43/Rev.1, I should like to consult the Assembly with a view to proceeding immediately to consider the draft resolution contained in document A/50/L.43/Rev.1. In this connection, since the draft resolution has been circulated only this morning, it would be necessary to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rules of procedure, which reads as follows:

> "As a general rule, no proposal shall be discussed or put to the vote at any meeting of the General Assembly unless copies of it have been circulated to all delegations not later than the day preceding the meeting".

Unless I hear any objection, I will take it that the Assembly agrees with the request of the sponsors of draft resolution A/50/L.43/Rev.1.

It was so decided.

The Assembly will first take a decision on draft resolution A/50/L.43/Rev.1, entitled "Emergency assistance to the Sudan".

May I take it that the Assembly decides to adopt draft resolution A/50/L.43/Rev.1?

Draft resolution A/50/L.43/Rev.1 was adopted (resolution 50/58 J).

The President: The Assembly will next take a decision on draft resolution A/50/L.58/Rev.1, entitled "Special emergency assistance for the economic recovery and reconstruction of Burundi".

Before we proceed to take action on the draft resolution, I should like to announce that since its introduction the following countries have become co-sponsors: Belgium, China and France.

May I take it that the Assembly decides to adopt draft resolution A/50/L.58/Rev.1?

Draft resolution A/50/L.58/Rev.1 was adopted (resolution 50/58 K).

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution A/50/L.64/Rev.2, entitled "Situation in Rwanda: international assistance for a solution to the problem of refugees, the restoration of total peace, reconstruction and socio-economic development in Rwanda".

Before we proceed to take action, I should like to announce that since the introduction of the draft resolution the following countries have become co-sponsors: Brazil, Costa Rica and the Netherlands.

May I take it that the Assembly decides to adopt draft resolution A/50/L.64/Rev.2?

Draft resolution A/50/L.64/Rev.2 was adopted (resolution 50/58 L).

The President: I now call on the representative of Spain, who wishes to speak in explanation of position.

May I remind delegations that explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Mr. Aguirre de Cárcer (Spain) (*interpretation from Spanish*): After the adoption by consensus of the last resolution submitted under agenda item 20, I wish to intervene, on behalf of the European Union, to recall our position on this item.

The European Union has noted with concern that a substantial number of resolutions continue to be submitted which contain appeals of countries and regions for special economic assistance. While recognizing the existing needs, we urge Member States to subscribe to the efforts

undertaken with a view to streamlining the relevant decision-making processes of this Assembly.

We note with satisfaction the considerable progress made towards "clustering" all these resolutions. We must also continue to work towards their biennialization, unless there are exceptional circumstances that require yearly consideration. Much remains to be done, however, in order to achieve a shorter and more standardized format for these resolutions.

The European Union will also support, within the ongoing discussions under the review process of resolution 48/162, the inclusion of this item in the agenda of the Second Committee under a new cluster dealing both with the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations and with special economic assistance to individual countries or regions.

The President: There are no other representatives who wish to speak in explanation of position.

Before we conclude this stage of our consideration of this item, I am sure members of the Assembly will join me in thanking Ambassador Ernst Sucharipa of Austria, who undertook the long and arduous task of holding consultations and negotiations to reach a consensus on the resolutions adopted under agenda item 20.

We have concluded this stage of our consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 20.

Agenda item 26 *(continued)*

The situation in Burundi

Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/541 and Add.1)

Draft resolution (A/50/L.59/Rev.1)

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/836)

The President: Members will recall that the Assembly held the debate on this item at its 95th plenary meeting, on 15 December 1995.

In connection with this item, the Assembly has before it draft resolution A/50/L.59/Rev.1.

Mr. Mustafa (Sudan): There are some slight revisions to be made to the fourteenth preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/50/L.59/Rev.1. The revised paragraph should read as follows:

> "Welcoming the joint message of the President and the Prime Minister of Burundi addressed to the Secretary-General and condemning the inflammatory broadcasts transmitted by the Radio de la Démocratie, Ijwi Ry'Abanya Gi Hugu, as well as those transmitted by other radio stations which incite ethnic hatred in Burundi".

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution A/50/L.59/Rev.1, as orally revised.

The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/50/836.

May I take it that the Assembly decides to adopt draft resolution A/50/L.59/Rev.1 as orally revised?

Draft resolution A/50/L.59/Rev.1, as orally revised, was adopted (resolution 50/159).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 26?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 24 *(continued)*

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

Reports of the Secretary-General (A/50/490 and A/50/520)

Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/50/404/Add.3)

Draft resolution (A/50/L.40/Rev.1)

The President: Members will recall that the Assembly concluded the debate on this item at its 79th meeting, on 4 December 1995.

In connection with this item, the Assembly has before it draft resolution A/50/L.40/Rev.1.

In connection with the draft resolution, I should like to draw the attention of members to a letter dated 14 December 1995 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, circulated as document A/50/404/Add.3.

I now call on the representative of Ethiopia to introduce draft resolution A/50/L.40/Rev.1.

Mr. Eteffa (Ethiopia): Allow me at the outset to express our deep appreciation to the Ambassador of Belgium for skilfully leading the negotiations on this draft resolution at the international level.

As a representative of the current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and on behalf of African States, I have the honour to introduce draft resolution A/50/L.40/Rev.1, "Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s".

It will be recalled that on 18 December 1991 the General Assembly adopted resolution 46/151, the annex to which contained the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s. The New Agenda contained an expression of the renewed commitment of the international community to support Africa's own efforts to achieve sustained economic growth and sustainable development. The international community accepted the principle of shared responsibility and partnership with Africa and committed itself to giving full support to African development. The question of follow-up and monitoring of the measures taken so far, and of how to proceed in the future, including the convening of a mid-term review of the implementation of the New Agenda, was viewed as essential in resolution 46/151.

The draft resolution before us is in pursuance of that decision and contains 15 preambular and 12 operative paragraphs.

The preambular part basically highlights the major decisions taken by the United Nations General Assembly and the Organization of African Unity as well as the summary made by the President of the Economic and Social Council during the discussion of the Council's high-level segment on the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda. The preambular paragraphs also highlight how exogenous factors, in particular the problems of external debt, inadequate resource flow, lack of progress in the diversification process of the African economies and the negative impact of the Uruguay Round agreements, affected the socio-economic recovery of Africa.

The operative part of the draft resolution takes note of the report of the Secretary General on financial intermediation and the diversification of African commodities and concentrates mainly on the mid-term-review mechanism of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s.

While preparing this draft resolution the African Group consciously avoided raising at this juncture issues of debt, flow of resources, diversification of commodities and questions of trade in general as subjects of negotiation. The African Group believes that the mid-term review of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda will provide to Africa and the international community an opportunity to conduct an in-depth assessment of the actions so far taken to implement the New Agenda and the measures needed for sustained economic growth and sustainable development beyond the 1990s, as well as to set out new and corrective policies and measures for strengthened external support.

In substantive terms, while operative paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 make reference to the various reports of the Secretary General and the summary made by the President of the Economic and Social Council during the Council's high-level segment, operative paragraph 4 decides to establish an ad hoc committee of the whole of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly to prepare the mid-term review of the New Agenda, as provided for in the annex to resolution 46/151.

Operative paragraphs 5 to 9 deal with the modalities of the mid-term review as well as indicating the roles to be played by African countries, the United Nations system and specialized agencies, the Organization of African Unity and other relevant institutions in the mid-term-review process. Although the Bretton Woods institutions are not mentioned by name, it is our understanding that those institutions should play important roles in the development of Africa.

Operative paragraphs 10 to 12 request the Secretary-General to come up with projected resource requirements for the implementation of the New Agenda and to report to the fifty-first session of the General Assembly on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole and the implementation of the resolution.

Finally, on behalf of the African States, I request the unanimous adoption of this draft resolution by the General Assembly.

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution A/50/L.40/Rev.1.

May I take it that the Assembly decides to adopt draft resolution A/50/L.40/Rev.1?

Draft resolution A/50/L.40/Rev.1 was adopted (resolution 50/160).

The President: Before we conclude our consideration of agenda item 24, I should like to thank Ambassador Alex Reyn of Belgium, who undertook the task of conducting the consultations which resulted in the consensus resolution adopted under this item.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 24?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 161 *(continued)*

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development

Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/670)

Draft resolution (A/50/L.66)

The President: Members will recall that the Assembly concluded the debate on this item at its 86th plenary meeting, on 8 December 1995.

In connection with this item, the Assembly has before it draft resolution A/50/L.66.

I call on the representative of Chile to introduce the draft resolution.

Mr. Maquieira (Chile) (*interpretation from Spanish*): On behalf of the co-sponsors listed in document A/50/L.66 and of Algeria, Austria, Brazil, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guyana, Indonesia, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Nepal, Norway, Pakistan, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tunisia, Turkey and Zambia, it is my pleasure to introduce the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development.

The draft resolution contains basically three parts: the preamble, and the operative portion, which is divided into two parts. I shall briefly highlight the outstanding aspects of each of the components of the resolution.

The fundamental aspect of the preamble, aside from citing the relevant resolutions, is the appreciation expressed to the Government and people of Denmark for the hospitality they extended to the participants at the Summit. Also highlighted is the policy decision taken at the highest level by the international community to give the highest priority to social development and human well-being now and into the twenty-first century by adopting the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action.

As regards the operative portion, it has been subdivided into two parts, the outstanding aspects of which are the following.

The first part, which refers to the critical importance of national action and international cooperation for social development, includes some of the objectives from the Programme of Action and the policy Declaration in a selective manner, yet without establishing priorities. That is the case, for example, of the reaffirmation of the pledge made by the Heads of State and Government to give highest priority to national, regional and international policies and actions for the promotion of social progress; the recognition of the necessity to create a framework for action to place people at the centre of development; the emphasis on the need for a renewed and massive political will at the national and international levels to invest in people and in social well-being; and the recognition that social development and the implementation of the Programme of Action are primarily the responsibility of Governments, and that international cooperation and assistance are essential for their full implementation. Finally, on this aspect, emphasis must be placed on the need for promotion of an integrated and multidimensional approach and the mobilization of financial resources at the national and international levels. This is contained in operative paragraphs 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the draft resolution, where various aspects of financial matters are dealt with, including the 20/20 proposal.

The second part of the operative portion of the draft resolution refers specifically to the role of the United Nations system. Generally speaking, it establishes a three-tiered structure at the intergovernmental level. Yet, at the same time, it includes the multidimensional and multisectoral aspects of the implementation of the Programme of Action in such a way that it relates the

organization of the intergovernmental process to what is being developed by the specialized agencies and other interested sectors. Perhaps the most interesting aspect of this part of the draft resolution is that it recognizes that the multidimensional approach exists and that there are various institutions and agencies that contribute to the implementation of the progress, without interfering with each other or bothering about hierarchy. Consequently, this aspect, the major detail of which concentrates on the intergovernmental section, recognizes that there are three levels: the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission for Social Development.

As regards the General Assembly, especially its functions as a principal organ of the United Nations, the draft resolution decides to hold a special session of the General Assembly in the year 2000 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the Summit and to consider further actions.

As regards the Economic and Social Council, the draft resolution reaffirms that the Council will provide overall guidance and oversee system-wide coordination in the implementation of the outcome of the Summit. It requests the Council, in the light of the progress towards implementing the outcome of the Summit, and consistent with the mandates of the Charter and in accordance with the relevant General Assembly resolutions, to continue examining ways to strengthen its role, authority, structures, resources and processes and to bring specialized agencies into a closer working relationship with it in the implementation of the outcome of the Summit and also in the implementation of the outcomes of other conferences, which must be integrated with that of the Summit.

The following provisions of the draft resolution refer in more detail to the Commission for Social Development. As a result of the Copenhagen Summit, a process of marked revitalization of that Commission is required. Consequently, the draft resolution calls on the Commission to develop a multi-year programme of work to the year 2000, selecting specific themes and addressing them from an integrated perspective. Further on, endorsing the first resolution on reform of the Economic and Social Council, it requests the Commission to adapt its mandate, to integrate sectoral issues, to review its methods of work and to establish the practice of inviting experts to contribute to its work to ensure that this work is not limited to the intergovernmental process but enjoys the participation of civil society.

With the three tiers of the intergovernmental process established — the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, and the Commission for Social Development — the draft resolution goes on to request various entities to contribute to the process. Such is the case with the regional commissions, which should meet biennially on appropriate issues of the implementation of the World Summit for Social Development.

The draft resolution takes note of the creation of the well-known task forces for the follow-up to the Summit, invites the International Labour Organization, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to continue to be actively involved in the follow-up to the Summit, and, finally, requests the Secretary-General to establish within the Secretariat an entity with clearly assigned responsibilities to assist with the follow-up to the social Summit.

In conclusion, I believe that the significant characteristic of this draft resolution is that it does not focus only on the intergovernmental level, but also integrates, in a coordinated way, the work that other entities can carry out.

The draft resolution was negotiated with much interest and enthusiasm, and I would like to express appreciation to all the delegations which made contributions to the drafting. We think that the draft resolution should be adopted by consensus.

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution A/50/L.66.

May I take it that the Assembly decides to adopt draft resolution A/50/L.66?

Draft resolution A/50/L.66 was adopted (resolution 50/161).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 161?

It was so decided.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The President: The General Assembly will now consider the reports of the Fifth Committee on agenda items 125, 126, 131, 132, 137, 138, 158, 159, 166 and 12.

If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee which are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The President: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote or position.

The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Fifth Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401 the General Assembly agreed that

> "When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee".

May I remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Fifth Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we shall take decisions in the same manner as in the Fifth Committee.

Agenda item 125

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/819)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

The draft decision was adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote.

May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: We have thus concluded this stage of our consideration of agenda item 125.

Agenda item 126

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/818)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report.

The draft decision was adopted by the Fifth Committee.

May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: We have thus concluded this stage of our consideration of agenda item 126.

Agenda item 131

Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/827)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report.

The draft decision was adopted by the Fifth Committee.

May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: We have thus concluded this stage of our consideration of agenda item 131.

Agenda item 132

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/820)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

The draft decision was adopted by the Fifth Committee.

May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: We have thus concluded this stage of our consideration of agenda item 132.

Agenda item 137

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/828)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

The draft decision was adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote.

May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: We have thus concluded this stage of our consideration of agenda item 137.

Agenda item 138

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/821)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report.

The draft decision was adopted by the Fifth Committee.

May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: We have thus concluded this stage of our consideration of agenda item 138.

Agenda item 158

Programme planning

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/795)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report.

The Fifth Committee adopted the draft decision.

May I take it that the Assembly also wishes to adopt it?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 158?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 159

Human resources management

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/834)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft decisions recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

Draft decision I is entitled "Amendments to the Staff Rules".

The Fifth Committee adopted draft decision I.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The President: Draft decision II is entitled "Human resources management".

The Fifth Committee adopted draft decision II.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft decision II was adopted.

The President: We have thus concluded this stage of our consideration of agenda item 159.

Agenda item 166

Admission of the World Tourism Organization to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/822)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report.

The Fifth Committee adopted the draft decision.

May I consider that the Assembly also wishes to adopt it?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 166?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 12 *(continued)*

Report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/794)

The President: The report of the Fifth Committee in document A/50/794 deals with those chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council which were allocated to the Fifth Committee.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report.

The Fifth Committee adopted the draft decision.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of those chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council which were allocated to the Fifth Committee?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 53

Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

The President: Members will recall that on 22 September 1995 the Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of the fiftieth session. It is my understanding that there is no request to consider the item at the present session.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to defer consideration of this item to the fifty-first session and to include it in the provisional agenda of that session?

It was so decided.

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 53?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 7

Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/50/442)

The President: As members are aware, in accordance with the provisions of Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations, and with the consent of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is mandated to notify the General Assembly of matters relative to the maintenance of international peace and security that are being dealt with by the Security Council and of matters with which the Council has ceased to deal.

In this connection the General Assembly has before it a note by the Secretary-General issued as document A/50/442.

May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of that document?

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 12.10 p.m.